To assist the potential rural entrepreneurs in availing of the benefits of the REGP, workshops, awareness camps and exhibitions have been organized by the KVIC in places like Srinagar, Garhwal, Ranikhet, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh etc., of Uttaranchal.

Implementation of Rural Emloyment Scheme

†94. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of rural employment scheme being run in various states in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set any targets for creating employment opportunities in rural areas; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated for these schemes during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been implementing two credit-linked subsidy schemes, namely, the Rural Emptoyment Generation Programme (REGP) and the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), for creation of employment opportunities by assisting individual entrepreneurs/educated unemployed youths/Self Help Groups, etc., in setting up agro and rural industries, including tiny and cottage industries. REGP is implemented in rural areas and small towns with population below 20,000 while PMRY is implemented in both rural and urban areas. The implementation of both these programmes is reviewed periodically with a view to making them more effective.

(c) Yes, Sir. A target of generating 25 lakh additional employment opportunities in rural areas has been fixed for the REGP during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Similarly, a target of generating 16.5 lakh additional employment opportunities has been fixed for the PMRY during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

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(d) The details of the funds released by the Government for REGP and PMRY during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given below:

(Rs. crore)

Year	REGP	PMRY
2002-03	192.87	168.10
2003-04	281.75	167.83
2004-05	326.00	218.17

Quality of service provided by private telecom companies

†95. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that private telecom companies are luring consumers in medium and small cities by offering various types of schemes and enrolling them as a mobile phone customers though they are unsuccessful in providing services to them.

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure qualitative and satisfactory services to the consumers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has received complaints from consumers regarding Quality of Service (QoS) offered by various Telecom Service Providers.

(b) TRAI has taken a number of initiatives to improve the QoS of the Telecom Service being provided by the operators. To ensure QoS and satisfactory service to the customers, TRAI has issued a Regulation on QoS of Basic and Cellular Mobile Services, 2005 in July, 2005. TRAI has

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